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Applicant: Jing Zhu et al.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 6, 2006, Applicant elects, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I (claims 1-46), drawn, in part, to a method of administering to a mammal a proepithelin (PEPI), alone or with secretory leukocyte protease inhibitor (SLPI), wherein said PEP1 comprises the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:1 and the SLPI comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.

Applicant further requests that the Examiner search and examine Group II (claims 1-46) because the only difference between the subject matter of Groups I and II is that the PEPI has SEQ ID NO:2 in Group II, which is identical to the SEQ ID NO:1 in Group I except for a single amino acid difference at position 454 (Gly in SEQ ID NO:1; Gln in SEQ ID NO:2). Accordingly, search and examination of Group II with Group I would not be overly burdensome compared to a search and examination of Group I alone.